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FILING OF DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a filing of a divisional application under  
37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of pending prior application of:

Applicants : E. SAEKI et al.  
Serial No. : 09/423,563  
Filed : November 10, 1999  
For : SCREWED STEEL PILE AND METHOD OF  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT THEREFOR

1. [X] Enclosed is a copy, which does not contain new matter, of the specification, claims, abstract and drawings of prior Application No. 09/423,563. Also enclosed is a copy of the Inventors' Declaration containing a copy of the Inventors' signatures which was filed in Application No. 09/423,563.
2. [ ] Enclosed is a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).
3. [X] The names of the inventors of this continuation application are:

Eiichiro SAEKI  
Hitoshi OOKI  
Tomoki TAKEDA

The residences, citizenships, and addresses of the inventors appear in the enclosed copy of the inventors' Declaration.

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4. [X] Cancel in this application claims 1-10 in the copy of the application filed herewith prior to calculating the filing fee.
5. [ ] Enclosed herewith is a Preliminary Amendment. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.
6. [X] The filing fee is as calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY  
AMENDMENT PLUS CLAIMS ADDED BY AMENDMENT

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TOTAL CLAIMS	13 - 20 =	0	x\$ 18	= \$ 0 .00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	7 - 3 =	4	x\$ 84	= \$336 .00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+\$280	= \$ 0 .00
		BASIC FEE		+ \$740 .00
		TOTAL		= \$1076.00

7. [X] Please charge the filing fee of \$1076.00 to Deposit Account 11-0600. Please charge any deficiency of filing fee to Deposit Account 11-0600. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
8. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
9. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of text the sentences:

-- This application is a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior Application No. 09/423,563 filed November 10, 1999 which is a 35 U.S.C. §371 National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP99/01165 filed March 10, 1999. International Application No. PCT/JP99/01165 was filed and published in the Japanese language. The disclosures of the specification, claims, drawings and abstract of Application No. 09/423,563 filed November 10, 1999 and of International Application No. PCT/JP99/01165 filed March 10, 1999 are incorporated herein by reference.--

10. [X] New drawings are enclosed.
11. [X] The prior application is assigned to Nippon Steel Corporation, Tokyo, Japan and is recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 010440/0818-0819.
12. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Edward W. Greason, Reg. No. 18,918. The power appears in the original inventors' declaration.

13. [X] Continue to address all future communications to:



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14. [X] The claim of convention priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is made from the following patent applications filed in Japan:

Japanese Patent Appln. No. 10-76722  
filed March 10, 1998.

Japanese Patent Appln. No. 10-92286  
March 20, 1998.

Japanese Patent Appln. No. 10-192674  
filed July 8, 1998.

Japanese Patent Appln. No. 10-192747  
filed July 8, 1998.

Japanese Patent Appln. No. 10-221443  
filed August 5, 1998.

Japanese Patent Appln. No. 10-275486  
filed September 29, 1998.

Japanese Patent Appln. No. 10-309023  
filed October 29, 1998.

Japanese Patent Appln. No. 11-54783  
filed March 2, 1999.

15. [X] Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §120 from prior pending Application No. 09/423,563 filed November 10, 1999 which is a 35 U.S.C. §371 National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP99/01165 filed March 10, 1999. International Application No. PCT/JP99/01165 was filed and published in the Japanese language.

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16. [X] The prior art of record in prior Application No. 09/423,563 is called to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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